

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.27) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

Applicant or Patentee: Spears, Louis E. and Thunell, Robert G.  
 Title: COMPUTER INPUT/OUTPUT CONNECTOR ASSEMBLY

☒ the specification filed herewith;  
☐ Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_;  
☐ Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby declare that I am:

☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:  
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below.

Name of Small Business Concern: Northstar Systems, Inc.  
 Address of Small Business Concern: 9400 Seventh Street,  
Bldg A2  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a "small business concern" as defined in 13 CFR part 121, for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

Further Assignment

☐ I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described above.  
☐ Verified statements by all entities to whom rights to the invention have been transferred, or to whom there is an obligation to transfer rights, are attached hereto

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.27(g)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

Name of Person Signing: Robert G. Thunell  
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Signature Robert G. Thunell Date 1/15/04  
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**DECLARATION**

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **COMPUTER INPUT/OUTPUT CONNECTOR ASSEMBLY** the specification of which   X   is attached hereto or \_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56. I claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

**Prior Foreign Application(s)**

Country	Application No.	Date of Filing	Priority Claimed Under 35 USC 119

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

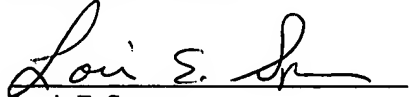
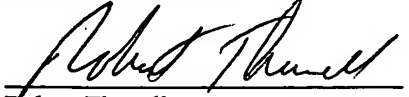
Application No.	Filing Date

I claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application No.	Date of Filing	Status

Full Name of Inventor 1:	Last Name: <b>SPEARS</b>	First Name: <b>LOUIS</b>	Middle Name or Initial: <b>E.</b>	
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Full Name of Inventor 2:	Last Name: <b>THUNELL</b>	First Name: <b>ROBERT</b>	Middle Name or Initial: <b>G.</b>	
Residence & Citizenship:	City: <b>Alta Loma</b>	State/Foreign Country: <b>California</b>	Country of Citizenship: <b>United States</b>	
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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

<p>Signature of Inventor 1</p>  <p>Louis E. Spears</p> <p>Date 01/15/04</p>	<p>Signature of Inventor 2</p>  <p>Robert Thunell</p> <p>Date 1/15/04</p>
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I hereby appoint:

☒ Practitioners associated with the Customer Number

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OR

☐ Practitioner(s) named below (if more than ten patent practitioners are to be named, then a customer number must be used):

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as attorney(s) or agent(s) to represent the undersigned before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in connection with any and all patent applications assigned only to the undersigned according to the USPTO assignment records or assignment documents attached to this form in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Assignee Name and Address:

Northstar Systems, Inc.

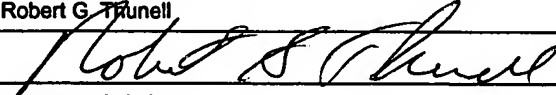
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A copy of this form, together with a statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) (Form PTO/SB/96 or equivalent) is required to be filed in each application in which this form is used. The statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) may be completed by one of the practitioners appointed in this form if the appointed practitioner is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee, and must identify the application in which this Power of Attorney is to be filed.

## SIGNATURE of Assignee of Record

The individual whose signature and title is supplied below is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee

Name	Robert G. Trunell		
Signature		Date	1/15/04
Title	President/C.O.O.	Telephone	(909) 483-9900

Attorney Docket No.

**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner. Spears, Louis E. et al.

Application No./Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Filed/Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Entitled: COMPUTER INPUT/OUTPUT CONNECTOR ASSEMBLY\_\_\_\_\_: Northstar Systems, Inc, a Corporation

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest.  
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In the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

- A. ☐ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel \_\_\_\_\_, Frame \_\_\_\_\_, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

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- B. ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

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